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Filed: April 27, 2001) Examiner: Unassigned
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR)
PROVIDING DISPERSION AND)
DISPERSION SLOPE COMPENSATION)

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 198, Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a Final Office Action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113 (See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(1) and is accompanied by the Certification fee of \$180.00. Applicant respectfully petitions and requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that it was considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies these documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of the documents.

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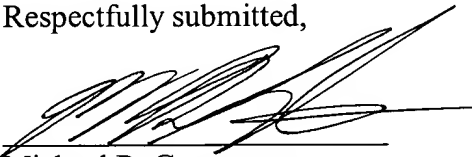
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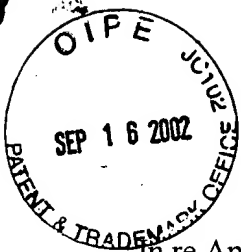
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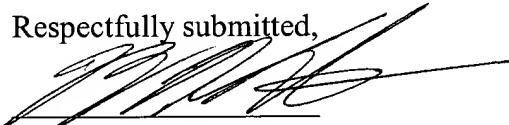
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3. Form 1449 (including copy of cited documents);

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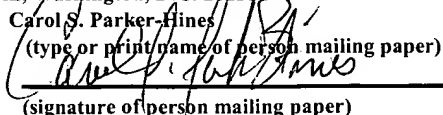
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